

## EIF'S NEWEST PUBLICATION

NOW "IN PRESS" is *Easter Island Archaeology: Research on Early Rapanui Culture*. This volume, edited by Christopher M. Stevenson and William S. Ayres, contains a paper by the late archaeologist, Carlyle S. Smith (The Archaeological Investigations on Easter Island in Historical Perspective); papers on Religious Architecture and Symbol, with contributions by Christopher Stevenson (Excavation of an Easter Island Semipyramidal Ahu); Leslie C. Shaw (The 1981 Investigation of an Ahu Poe-poe and Two Avanga on Easter Island); Paul Wallin and Helene Martinsson-Wallin (Ahu and Settlement: Archaeological Excavations at 'Anakena and La Pérouse); Georgia Lee (Rock Art of the Ceremonial Complex at Ahu Ra'ai). The next section on Mortuary Analysis contains papers by George W. Gill (Investigations of the 1981 Easter Island Anthropological Expedition; and Skeletal Remains from Ahu Nau Nau: Land of the Royal Miru); Leslie C. Shaw (Human Burials in the Coastal Caves of Easter Island); Andrea Seelenfreund (Easter Island Burial Practices; and with Simon Holdaway, Color Symbolism in Easter Island Burial Practices); William S. Ayres and Becky Saleeby (Analysis of Cremations from Ahu Ko te Riku); and Vincent H. Stefan (Analysis of Rapanui Cranial Collections...). The final section, titled Chronology, Artifacts, Flora and Faunal Remains contains papers by Christopher M. Stevenson, José Miguel Ramírez, Sonia Haoa, and Timothy Allen (Archaeological Investigations at 'Anakena Beach and other Near-Coastal Locations); William S. Ayres, Robert L. Spear and Felicia R. Beardsley (Easter Island Obsidian Artifacts: Typology and Use-wear); William S. Ayres, Becky Saleeby, and Candace Levy (Late Prehistoric-Early Historic Easter Island Subsistence Patterns); Christopher M. Stevenson (Estimating Easter Island Obsidian Hydration Rates...); and Catherine Orliac (The Woody Vegetation of Easter Island between the Early 14th and the Mid-17th Centuries AD). This 225 page volume is illustrated with photographs, charts, graphs, line drawings, and maps. Our next issue will have information about ordering a copy of this important collection of papers.

**BIBLIOPHILES ALERT!** The EIF has received some donations in the form of rare books. Some of these may be of interest to our readers.

We have for sale the classic two volume set of *the Norwegian Archaeological Expedition to Easter Island and the East Pacific*, Vols. 1 and 2. Both volumes are signed by Thor Heyerdahl. They are in very good condition, hard cover, but lack the dust jackets. The frontispiece in Vol. 1 is loose. Volume 1 has contributions by Thor Heyerdahl, Edwin N. Ferdon, Jr., William Mulloy, Arne Skjolsvold; and Carlyle Smith. Published by Monographs of the School of American Research and the Museum of New Mexico. Number 24, Part 1, 1961.

Volume 2 contains Miscellaneous Papers, edited by Thor Heyerdahl and Edwin N. Ferdon, Jr. and contains papers by William Mulloy, Arne Skjolsvold, Carlyle S. Smith, Gonzalo Figueroa, Eduardo Sanchez, Rupert I. Murill, Roy Simmons, Clifford Evans, Charles Leon, Carolyn Caskey, Thomas Barthel, U. V. Knorozov, I. K. Fedorova, and A. M. Kondratov. Monographs of the School of American Research and the KonTiki

Museum, No. 24, Part 2, 1965. Sold as a set only \$600.

Also for sale are the following:

*La Tierra de Hotu Matu'a. Historia Etnologica y Lengua de la Isla de Pascua*. Imprenta y editorial 'San Francisco', Padre las Casas, Chile. First Edition, hard cover. Cover slightly worn, some foxing on edges of pages. The insert map in the back is a hand-traced copy of Englert's original map showing places on the island. Later editions have a printed map. \$200.

*Narrative of a Voyage to the Ethiopic and South Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Chinese Sea, North and South Pacific Ocean in the Years 1829, 1830, 1831*. By Abby Jane Morrell. 1833. Gregg Reprint, 1970. Abby was one gutsy lady, who accompanied her husband on the schooner *Antarctic*. Hard cover, excellent. \$20.00.

*The A Kivi-Vai Teka Complex and its Relationship to Easter Island Architectural Prehistory*. By William Mulloy and Gonzalo Figueroa, 1978. Asian and Pacific Archaeology Series 8. University of Hawaii. 12 pages of black and white photographs, 47 pages of illustrations and maps. This is a thoroughly documented ahu restoration, loaded with information. Paper cover, new. \$20.00.

*Voyage to Sydney in the Hillsborough 1798-1799 and A Description of the Colony*. By William Noah, 1978. Library of Australian History (limited edition). Noah was one of 300 English convicts transported to New South Wales. They suffered dreadful hardships, with nearly 1/3 of them dying on the trip. Noah took up a new occupation and was eventually pardoned. The book includes a list of the convicts. Hard cover, like new. \$10.00.

*American Activities in the Central Pacific 1790-1870*. 8 Volumes. Edited by Gregg Ward. These volumes are fascinating to read. Here one finds news items about shipwrecks, whaling, etc., accompanied by wonderful old etchings and photographs. The volumes have inset maps and the set comes with a boxed set of 8 maps of various island groups. The perfect gift for the skipper in the family. Hard cover, excellent condition. \$250.00.

## A LOOK BACK IN TIME

RAPANUIPHILE TOM CHRISTOPHER has acquired some old news clippings about Easter Island, and we are delighted to share a few of them with our faithful readers. These are dated 1923, and concern the astonishing news that Easter Island has "sunk into the Pacific".

*The Washington (D.C.) Post*, for 14 March 1923 features an item, coming by mail from Tahiti and dated there at February 26, that Easter Island was rumored to have sunk as the result of an earthquake in Chile. This was reported by a French captain of a merchant ship who, in trying to verify his position, was unable to find the island. And shortly after the disastrous Chilean earthquake, it was reported by a Santiago newspaper that the wireless station on the island had failed to answer repeated calls (however, there never was a wireless station on the island).

*The Washington Star*, for the same date, took a bit more of a jaundiced view: "A dispatch from Melbourne, Australia, says

that a wireless message, apparently from a ship, has been picked up there saying that Easter Island has disappeared. Something ought to be done about Easter Island. It is doing some very strange things. On an average of at least once a year it is reported missing. Then somebody goes out to find the spot where it used to be, and lo, there it is, right on its old site, with its great stone images.... Now, whether this is a sport of Easter Island or a sport of the newsmongers of the Pacific is not precisely certain. But it is surely confusing the geographers to have these unaccountable "disappearances" coming over the wires from time to time. If Easter Island has a secret means of vanishing for a space there is matter that interests others than the mapmakers. On the other hand, if the "disappearance of Easter Island" is merely a joke... it should be known as a standard jest, so that it need not be taken seriously.

Islands do disappear, but not to bob up again soon after.... Surely Easter is no "floating island" that shifts its base and travels around in the currents of the South seas."

## Publications

- Bulletin de la Societe des Etudes Oceaniennes*. 1999. No. 281/282. BP 110, Papeete, Tahiti. This issue is all about Easter Island, in French. It contains papers by Edmundo Edwards and Claudio Cristino, C. Raybaud, C. Orliac, S. Fischer, and others.
- Le Bulletin du Cercle d'Etudes sur l'Ile de Pâques et la Polynésie*. 2000. Number 34, March.
- Guy, Jacques B. M. 1999. Peut-on se fonder sur le témoignage de Métoro pour déchiffrer les rongo-rongo? *Journal de la Société des Océanistes*, 108:125-132.
- Indo-Pacific Prehistory: The Melaka Papers*, Vol. 2, 1999. Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association, Canberra: Australian National University. This volume contains twenty papers from the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association, held in Melaka, Malaysia, in 1998. Editorial Team: Peter Bellwood, Doreen Bowdery, David Bulbeck, Magnus Fiskesjö, Roger Green, Ian Lilley and Barnard Maloney.
- Inia, Elizabeth K., Sofie Arntsen, Hans Schmidt, Jan Rensel, and Alan Howard. 1998. *A New Rotuman Dictionary. An English-Rotuman Wordlist and C. Maxwell Churchward's Rotuman-English Dictionary of 1940*. Suva: Institute of Pacific Studies, University of the South Pacific. ISBN 892-02-0128-4.
- Journal of the Polynesian Society*. 1999. Volume 108(4) for December. This issue contains Marae and Implications for a Modern Māori Psychology, by Mason Durie; Sociopolitical Rank and Conical Clanship in the Caroline Islands, by Glenn Peterson; and three shorter communications by Jeffrey Dhyne, Serge Tchekézo and Michael Burtenshaw.
- MacLellan, Nic and Jean Chesneaux. 1998. *After Moruroa: France in the South Pacific*. Published by Ocean Press. 300 pages, maps, index. ISBN 1-876175-05-2 paper Aust. \$29.95
- After Moruroa* looks at the history of French colonialism in the Pacific - from the French Revolution to the Matignon Accords in New Caledonia and the end of nuclear testing at Moruroa and Fangataufa atolls. This book outlines the history of French colonialism in the South Pacific and shows how Pacific peoples are seeking to determine their own future, in freedom and dignity.
- McCall, Grant. 1998. *Rapanui. Tradición y sobrevivencia en Isla de Pascua*. Translated by Ana Betty Haoa Rapahango, with Louise Noel and Elena Carro Lalanne. The classic book by Grant McCall has been translated into Spanish, and republished with new photographs. ISBN 1-880636-15-8. Papercover, 174 pages.
- Pata'uta'u Re'o Ra'a. Poesías voz del Sol*. 1999. Hare Hapi ko Lorenzo Baeza Vega'e, He hare tere Rapa Nui. Ediciones Altazor, Chile. This slim book of poetry (76 pages), in Spanish and Rapanui, is the end result of a course organized by Hilaria Tuki Pakarati, Ana Maria Arredondo, and Alicia Salinas.
- Pauly, Stephanie and Karlo Huke Atan. *Kultur Philosophie Geschichte der Osterinsel; and Mündliche Überlieferungen der Osterinsel*. 1999. Both are available from Claus Steinhart, Zasiussstr. 58, 79102 Freiburg, Germany. DM40 for both, plus postage.
- Redman, Charles L. 1999. *Human Impact on Ancient Environments*. \$22.95. Papercover. University of Arizona Press. This book has a good bit of material dealing with Easter Island and its environmental problems.
- Rongorongo Studies, A Forum for Polynesian Philology*. 1999. Volume 9, Number 2. PO Box 6965, Wellesley Street, Auckland 1, New Zealand. This issue contains "The conceptual Content of Tongan Directionals: Mental Representation of Space in Tongan" by G. Bennardo; and the conclusion of "Weird Papalagi and a Fake Samoan Chief" by G. Senft.
- Sand, Christophe. 1998. *Uvée: la préhistoire de Wallis, île de la Polynésie occidentale*. Nouméa, Nouvelle-Calédonie. Editions Grain de Sable. Paperback, 51 pages.
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- Stanley, David. 1999. *Tonga-Samoa Handbook*, 1<sup>st</sup> edition. Moon Travel Handbooks, Emeryville, CA. Papercover, 314 pages, 32 detailed maps. \$15.95.
- Stevenson, Christopher M., Joan Wozniak, and Sonia Haoa. 1999. Prehistoric agricultural production on Easter Island (Rapa Nui), Chile. *Antiquity*, Vol. 73, No. 282 for December. Pp.801-812.
- Stories from a Heated Earth—Our Geothermal Heritage*. 1999. Edited by Raffaele Cataldi, Susan Hodgson and John Lund. Geothermal Resources Council, PO Box 1350, Davis CA 91617. This historical guide to our geothermal world, the book travels the world, starting and ending on Easter Island. *Stories from a Heated Earth* offers a fascinating journey through time, focused on the cultural influences of geothermal phenomena on the peoples of the world and covering more than 25 countries. Paperback; 588 pages, 215 photographs and illustrations. Price \$70, plus postage. Email: <grc@geothermal.org>

## Surfer Alert! Magazine Review

By Mark Blackburn

As an avid and serious surfer, it was with great delight that I opened the latest issue of *The Surfer's Journal* (Vol. 9:1, 2000), to find two remarkable and well-written articles about surfing on Rapa Nui. One, by Sam George, is titled "Rapa Nui: Her Island" and it is a romantic sojourn into a Pierre Loti-like story of 'Surfing and Finding Love' on Rapa Nui. After reading this article with its superb photography, I immediately wanted to fly back to Easter Island and head for the island's various 'breaks'. In the accompanying article by Max Mills, a more historical approach is provided, including a general history of the island and its people. He puts emphasis on some interesting notes about surfing, such as the fact that a young Chilean surfer, Carlos Lara, is credited with bringing modern surfing to the island in 1987. The first surfing contest was in 1990; the first champion was Pichi Pakariti. Mills also relates how Laird Hamilton and Brock Little were the first truly famous North Shore surfers to put in time and money to explore the rumors about the big waves in the "Hawai'i of the Southern Hemisphere". After